JOYFULL NEWES FROM LANCASHIRE

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Is declared how the Lord *Strange* came againſt *Lancaſter*, but was oppoſed by the Inhabitants of the ſaid Towne, and forced to flye into *Wales* from whence he returned with 5000. Welſhmen, who comming to *Lancaſter* ran from him, and joyned with the Inhabitants of the ſaid towne.

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A true Relation of his comming to *Mancheſter* with 1000. Cavaleers and Papiſts, and how the County roſe againſt him, beat him and his Forces, took neere an 100 priſoners, amongſt whom himſelfe was taken, and ſent to Mancheſter with a guard of Souldiers.

Whereunto is annexed,

The Parliaments Determination concerning the Lord STRANGE.

Ordered that this be printed and publiſhed,
Hen. Elſing, Cler. Parl. D. Com.

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Joyfull News from *Lancashire*.

SIR,

IN my last Letter I I promised that at the next opportunity that I could meet with, I would send you a true information of our proceedings which I have now found an occasion to performe it, being glad that I have such good newes to greet you with.

On Thurſday being the eleventh of *Auguſt*, my Lord *Strange* came before *Mancheſter* with above ten thouſand foot men compleatly armed, and a matter of 8 hundred Horſemen Cavaleers, deboiſt fellowes, which in their march committed many out-rages, taking away Horſes from poore men, and made prize of any thing they could light of, which cauſed a generall diſturbance throughout the whole Countrey.

His Army being encamped before *Mancheſter*, and his Cavaleers giving out many threatnings what they would doe if that wee would not inſtantly reſigne up the Magazine, and the Towne, with ſeverall other unreaſonable Demands. The Deputy Lieutenant gaue command, that the Towne ſhould put themſelves in a poſture of defence, which was immediately done.

All this day there was nothing done, but on the nezt morning, by the dawning of the day we heard Drummes beat

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up Alarum round about us, which wee ſuppoſed had been the Lord *Strange* his drummes, and that he had intended to put ſomething in execution againſt us, which put us in a great feare, nevertheleſſe we ſent out ſcouts to diſcover what they were, and what might be the cauſe of that ſudden Alarum, who returning gave us notice that the Connty was comming to our reſcue, which we perceiving put us in a freſh hope, inſomuch that wee marched out of the Towne againſt the Lord *Strenge*, who wee found putting his men in a Warlike order.

At our firſt arrivall the Lord *Strange* began to looke ſomewhat ſtrongly upon us, ſeeing himſelfe thus beſet on every ſide, nevertheleſſe hee thought good to make the beſt of a bad Market and inſtantly gave fire upon us very hot (fearing not but to get the day)

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ſtriving to force a paſſage before the County came too neere upon him, but they hearing that they were at it marched up, and fell upon his reare, putting his men into ſuch a confuſed order, that they knew not how to make em oppoſition, which cauſed him ſo to preſſe forward upon us, by which meanes he had ſo ingaged himſelfe ſo farre amongſt us, being incompaſſed on every ſide, that it was impoſſible for him to make any eſcape, or any wayes to retreat, ſo that he was enforced to ſubmit himſelfe priſoner where he with ſome hundred more priſoners were ſent to *Manchester* with a very ſtrong guard to conduct them thither, there being in this conflict ſlaine and maimed to the number of a hundred or thereabouts, but on the way the Earle of *Rivers* met with this Convoy which was conducting the ſaid priſoners to *Manchester*, intending to have reſcued them, but was by them repulſed and beaten by them to the retreat, and forced

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to flee, or else he had accompanied the Lord *Strange*.

This is the chiefe of our proceedings, and further Newes you shall receive at my next opportunity, onely I heare that *Summersetshire* is in a very great combustion, but the Kings party hath had the worst of it. If you heare that Captaine *Digby* is taken, beleeve it not, for hee was with my Lord *Strange* in this conflict, but how he came off I know not. *Warwickshire* stands firme for the King; my Lord *Brookes* hath beaten the Earle of *Northampton*, it is generally hoped that the Commonalty will stand wholly for the Parliament, should they not, the whole Kingdome would be brought by the Cavaleers to a perpetuall ruine, there onely aime being to bring an Arbitrary government upon this Kingdome. *Wales* they say stands for the King, as the report goes, but the Lord *Strange* being repulst at *Lancaster*, fled into *Wales* and brought 5000. Welshmen with him, who aslaul-

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ted the inhabitants of *Lancaſter*, vvhich threatning vvords, but having received command from the Lord *Strange* that they ſhould fall upon them, hee inſtead of fighting tooke their heeles and ranne from him, joyning with the Inhabitants of *Lancaſter*, leaving the Lord *Strange* to bid a pox on his company; wherefore I thinke that the Welſhmen will ſtand faſt for the Parliament. This is all that I can as yet informe you of for the preſent, but in a ſhort time you ſhall heare from mee againe.

The Parliaments determination concerning the Lord *Strange*.

The Parliaments determination concerning the Lord *Strange*. The Lords and Commons having information of the actions of the Lord *Strange*, voted him a Delinquent, and ordered he ſhould be ſent for to anſwer it before them.

Ordered that this be printed and publiſhed,
Jo. Browne Cler. Parl.